

General Information  
Licenses, Permits

Everyone, except those expressly exempt, must have a valid fishing license and salmon permit in possession to retain fall Chinook salmon.

Any person, age 14 and older, who does not qualify as a resident must purchase either a Nonresident Season Fishing License and Salmon Permit, a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit, or a 3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License to retain fall Chinook salmon.

In order to qualify for resident status, a person must be domiciled in the state for at least six months.

Children under the age of 14 (*including nonresidents*) are exempt from purchasing salmon permits. They may fish without permits if they are accompanied by a valid permit holder, provided that any fish kept must be recorded on the permit holder’s card and counted in the permit holder’s legal bag and possession limit. Any resident child under 14 may purchase a permit so that he/she may catch his or her own limit of salmon. Any nonresident child may purchase either a Nonresident Junior Fishing License and Salmon Permit or a 3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License to retain fall Chinook salmon so that he/she may catch his or her own limit of salmon.

The holder of a valid Idaho fishing license and salmon permit may fish for salmon in the Snake River where it forms the boundary between the states of Idaho and Oregon, or Washington, subject to the fish and game laws of Idaho, but may not fish from the shoreline, including wading, and may not fish in sloughs or tributaries on the Oregon or Washington side. Any angler who fishes on the Snake River is entitled to have in possession only the limit allowed by one license regardless of the number of licenses in possession.

2008 Idaho Salmon Fishing Rules

Consult the 2008-2009 Fishing Seasons and Rules brochure for other regulations relating to fishing, license costs and other Department information.

**Chinook salmon:** Adult anadromous (ocean run) salmon of the species *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* 24 inches or greater in total length.

**Jack salmon:** Chinook salmon under 24 inches in total length.

**Permits:** Any person, except those expressly exempt, must have a valid salmon permit in possession to fish for fall Chinook salmon. However, when a salmon is released unharmed, as in catch-and-release fishing, the angler is not required to make an entry on the permit.

**Permit Validation:** When a Chinook salmon has been hooked, landed and reduced to possession, the angler hooking the fish must immediately:

- A. Cut out and completely remove one numbered notch from the permit; and
- B. Look up the location code number from the list below and write it in the space provided; and
- C. Enter in the space provided, the month and day the fish was caught.

For example, a fall Chinook salmon kept from the Snake River below the mouth of the Salmon River on October 15 would be entered as:

FISH	BIRD	MONTH		LOCATION CODE	MONTH		LOCATION CODE	FISH	BIRD
		DAY			DAY				
1		10	15	01				20	
2								21	
3								22	
4								23	
5								24	

Remove Notch Completely!

RIVER LOCATION CODES

See Seasons section for full description of fishing boundaries. All of a river section may not be open for fall Chinook salmon retention.

Snake River

Southway Bridge  
upstream to mouth of Salmon River ..... 01

Mouth of Salmon River  
upstream to Hells Canyon Dam ..... 02

Areas Open

The following waters are open to retention of fall Chinook salmon during the periods listed. Waters not specifically designated below shall remain **closed** to fishing for fall Chinook salmon unless opened by Commission action.

**Snake River:** from the Southway Bridge at Lewiston\* upstream to the mouth of the Salmon River\*.

**Snake River:** from the mouth of the Salmon River upstream to Granite Creek\*.

**Snake River:** from Granite Creek upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.

Season

October 3 until further notice or October 31, whichever comes first. Retention of fall Chinook is permitted 7 days per week and 24 hours per day.

Daily, Possession, and Season Limits

Fall Chinook salmon

**Snake River:** 1 per day (including jacks), 3 in possession. No person shall take more than 40 Chinook salmon (including spring, summer, and fall Chinook) during the 2008 calendar year.

Only hatchery fall Chinook salmon with a clipped adipose fin (as evidenced by a healed scar) may be kept. All salmon with an intact adipose fin must be immediately released.

Methods of Take

- A. Only barbless hooks may be used when fishing for fall Chinook salmon. Bending the barb down to the shank of a single, double, or treble hook will meet this requirement.
- B. It is unlawful to use any hook larger than 5/8 inch measured from the point of the hook to the shank.

SNAGGING:

During any open salmon season, it is unlawful to take or attempt to take any fish by snagging. Snagging shall mean the taking or attempting to take a fish by use of a hook or lure in any manner or method other than enticing or attracting a fish to strike with, and become hooked in its mouth or jaw.

Special Rules

- A. Fishing prohibited after attainment of limits: Once an angler has attained his or her bag, possession or season limit of fall Chinook salmon, he or she must cease fishing for fall Chinook salmon, including catch and-release fishing.
- B. It shall be unlawful to fish in any waters while having fish in possession which violate rules for those waters.
- C. No person shall have in the field or in transit any Chinook salmon from which the head or tail has been removed (Unless the fish has been commercially processed).
- D. All fish that are hooked, landed and reduced to possession shall be counted in the limits of the person hooking the fish.
- E. Salmon caught in a legal manner must be either released or killed immediately after landing.
- F. All successful and unsuccessful anglers that encounter an IDFG check station are required to stop.

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Salmon  
Season & Rules

Snake River

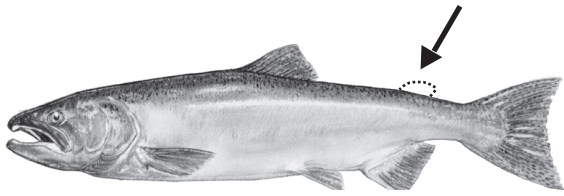


Licenses and Permits

Resident Fishing License ..... \$ 25.75  
Nonresident Fishing License  
(Season)..... \$ 82.00  
Resident & Nonresident  
Jr. Fishing License (Season) ..... \$ 13.75  
3-Day Salmon/Steelhead License  
(includes a 3-Day Permit) ..... \$ 31.50  
Salmon Permit (License Required) ..... \$ 12.75

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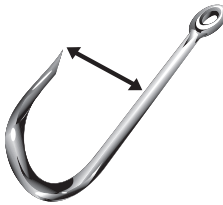


Hatchery salmon may be kept if the adipose fin has been clipped, as evidenced by a healed scar.



Wild or hatchery salmon with adipose fin **must** be released immediately.

Not greater than 5/8 inch



Only barbless hooks may be used.

### It Is Unlawful

The following acts are unlawful by statute or commission rule. They are listed here for your information. Please consult Title 36, Idaho Code, or the 2006-2007 Idaho Fishing Seasons and Rules for exact wording and complete listing.

#### It Is Unlawful:

- To take or attempt to take a salmon by snagging, or to keep a salmon that has been snagged. A salmon that is snagged must be released immediately, unharmed back into the water.
- To keep a salmon hooked in any part of its body other than the mouth or jaw.
- To refuse to produce license or fish for inspection upon request by a conservation officer.
- To put any substance not attached to a hook into the water for the purpose of attracting fish (chumming).
- To possess, transport or use as bait any live fish.
- To catch any part of another person's bag limit, EXCEPT in the case of license-exempt persons fishing for salmon and steelhead.
- To transport for another or accept as a gift any game fish, unless a statement signed by taker accompanies the fish,

showing the number and kinds, the date taken, the taker's name, address and fishing license number.

- To claim ownership to more wild game or fish taken within the state of Idaho than allowed by established possession limits.
- To ship any fish by commercial carrier unless the outside of the package is marked as to the number and kinds of fish and the package contains a written statement showing the taker's name, address and fishing license number.
- To use seines, dip nets, spears, snag hooks, or any other contrivances in taking any fish from the waters of the state EXCEPT as allowed by Commission regulation.
- To use chemicals, poisons or explosives in attempting to catch or destroy fish.
- To waste game fish.
- To sell fish without a permit.

#### \*Locations

(The following information is for general reference only.)

**Southway Bridge at Lewiston:** The Southway Bridge at Lewiston crosses the Snake River approximately 2 miles upstream (south) of the mouth of the Clearwater River.

**Mouth of the Salmon River:** The Salmon River is a major tributary to the Snake River, approximately 47 miles upstream (south) of the Southway Bridge at Lewiston. It flows in from the Idaho (east) side of the Snake River.

**Granite Creek:** Granite Creek is a tributary of the Snake River coming from the east (Idaho) side of the river. It flows into the Snake River approximately 7 miles downstream (north) of Hells Canyon Dam.

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## Map of the Snake River showing sections open for retention of fall Chinook salmon and boundary for river location codes

